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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I have used a competitive provider for several years. I have both a fiber connection and at another address a DSL connection through fiber. Previously I used AT&T. I found their service to be more expensive, have less functionality, and their customer support was nonexistent. AT&T did not provide fiber service in my neighborhood, in fact, they are just beginning to install it now. They were uncommunicative to their customers with their plan to provide fiber service. So when I found the opportunity to go with a competitive service, I jumped at the chance. My new fiber provider had much better privacy options than AT&T would offer. AT&T inundated me with unwelcome service offers and sold my name to other companies who also sent unwelcome solicitations. My new provider has guaranteed to us that they will never throttle internet access, that is, I will not have to pay additional fees as the bandwidth requirements increase. I was so happy with their service that at my other address which does not have fiber, I have used their DSL service through AT&Ts network for two years, now. That internet service was 4X faster than my previous AT&T service at less than 1/2 the cost.

Please support competitive services.

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